

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, May 9, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Pro Tem Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Leta M. Mach was out of the country. Mayor Emmett V. Jordan was out of town for work and unable to attend.

ALSO PRESENT were Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; David Moran, Assistant City Manager; Karen Ruff, Associate of the City Solicitor; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Greenbelt residents Kathleen Marie Brlansky and former resident Donald George Morrison. Mr. Putens then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved by Mr. Putens and seconded by Mr. Herling that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

Council thereby took the following actions:

Minutes:

Work Session, March 21, 2016  
Work Session, March 30, 2016  
Work Session, April 6, 2016  
Work Session, April 13, 2016  
Work Session, April 18, 2016  
Work Session, April 20, 2016  
Work Session, May 4, 2016  
Approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2016-2 (Pepco Request for Tree Removals): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of the next meeting.

Arts Advisory Board, Report #2016-2 (Evaluation of New Contribution Group Application – Greenbelt Community Foundation): Council accepted this report which was considered at the Budget Work Session with Contribution Groups on May 4, 2016.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-3 (Sustainable Land Care Policy): Council accepted this report and will consider it on the agenda of a future meeting.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2016-4 (FY 2017 Contribution and Recognition Groups Budget Review): Council accepted this report which was considered at the Budget Work Session with Contribution Groups on May 4, 2016.

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Heritage Fund Donation: Council approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) Heritage Center Project in Fiscal Year 2016.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Davis requested “One Day Liquor License for Greenbelt Theatre” be added to the agenda. With this addition, it was moved by Ms. Pope and seconded by Mr. Herling that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Magnolia Elementary School: Council recognized the Magnolia Elementary School Science Team who recently won the 2016 Prince George’s County Public School Science Bowl Championship. Robert Allen, Coach of the Science Team, introduced Science Team members Dustin Navarrosa and Kobe Marshall who were present. He said team members Keon Groves, Briana Adams, Ababacar Diao and Taslim Raji were unable to attend due to previous commitments.

Council congratulated the Science Team and issued certificates to all its members.

Infrastructure Work Proclamation: Mayor Pro Tem Davis issued a proclamation recognizing May 16-23, 2016, as annual National Infrastructure Week. Venu Nemani, Assistant District Engineer for Traffic for the State Highway Administration, received the proclamation. Ms. Davis mentioned the National League of Cities is participating in National Infrastructure week as an advocate and suggests that member organizations send a letter to its elected leaders indicating support. She suggested Council send a letter, along with a copy of the proclamation, to Governor Hogan and State legislators expressing its support for National Infrastructure Week and continued investment into infrastructure in our nation, states and localities.

Kids to Parks Day Proclamation: Mayor Pro Tem Davis issued a proclamation recognizing the sixth “National Kids to Parks Day” to be held on May 21, 2016. Matthew Carroll, Superintendent of Greenbelt National Park, and Julie McHale, Director of Recreation, received the proclamation. Mr. Carroll reported on the Centennial celebration of the National Park Service and the “Every Kid in the Park” program. Ms. McHale reported on the City’s Celebration of Spring and Public Works Open House events.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS:

Bill Orleans, Greenbelt, inquired about past executive sessions of Council regarding annexation and acquisition of real property.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Moran reported that HB 1123 is scheduled to be signed by Governor Hogan tomorrow. He noted that this bill will amend State law so that residents of Greenbelt Station pay the same Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission tax rates as other Greenbelt residents.

Ms. Davis congratulated the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Cheerleaders who won second place in their National Cheerleading Competition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

## LEGISLATION:

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of HVAC Improvements at the Greenbelt Community Center  
from Shapiro and Duncan Inc. at an Estimated Cost of \$355,264

Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis introduced the resolution for second reading and adoption. Mr. Herling seconded.

Mr. Roberts said he would be voting against the resolution because he does not support the use of Program Open Space (POS) funds for this type of project.

Mr. Herling asked about the timeline for the project. Jim Sterling, Director of Public Works, explained that the project will start after Labor Day and is expected to take approximately 120 days to complete.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	absent
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Jordan	-	absent

The resolution was declared adopted (Resolution No. 2040, Book 8).

APPROVAL OF PERMIT OF GREENBELT LAKE FOREBAY DREDGING PROJECTS: Mayor Pro Tem Davis read the agenda comments.

Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning, and Ken Dunn, Soltesz Engineer, said they had reviewed the project plans with the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and received conditional approval from both advisory groups. Ms. Hruby said they had also met with staff from the Department of Natural Resources to ensure impacts to the beavers and amphibians are minimized.

In response to a question from Ms. Davis, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Dunn said a community meeting will be scheduled to solicit input from the community. Mr. Herling suggested residents of Charlestowne North also be notified as part of this community outreach.

Ms. Pope moved that Council approve the proposed Greenbelt Lake forebays dredging project and direct staff to execute the required agreement with Prince George's County to allow the project to proceed to construction. Mr. Herling seconded.

In response to a question from Mr. Roberts, Ms. Hruby explained that revised project plans will not be available until the project is sent out to bid. She said these plans will then be reviewed again by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability.

The motion passed 5-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilmembers commented on their attendance at the following events.

Drug Take Back Day – Ms. Davis, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens  
Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Meeting – Mr. Herling and Mr. Putens  
Produce Distribution – Ms. Davis, Ms. Pope and Mr. Putens  
Farmers Market – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope  
Chesapeake Education Arts & Research Society (CHEARS) Lecture with Joan Maloof of the Old  
Growth Forest Network – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Mr. Putens and Mr. Roberts  
Benefit Basketball Game, City Employees vs. Lady Angels – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling,  
Ms. Mach and Mr. Putens  
Four Cities Coalition Meeting – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis, Mr. Herling, Ms. Mach, Ms. Pope and  
Mr. Putens  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Facilities Commission Meeting – Ms. Davis  
First Annual AP Capstone Colloquium at Eleanor Roosevelt High School – Ms. Davis  
Shredding Day – Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope  
Greenbelt Youth Baseball Fundraiser – Ms. Davis  
Berwyn Heights Day Pancake Breakfast – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Mr. Herling  
Berwyn Heights Day Parade – Mr. Herling  
Green Man Festival – Mayor Jordan, Ms. Davis and Ms. Pope  
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) Bike Ride – Mayor Jordan

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GREENBELT THEATRE:

Dr. Caitlin McGrath explained that the Theatre would like to serve sparkling wine (free of charge) to guests at the one-year anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt Theatre on June 11, 2016.

Ms. Davis moved that Council approve the serving of sparkling wine at the one year anniversary celebration of Greenbelt Theatre on June 11, 2016, with the following conditions: 1) the sparkling wine is not be offered “for sale;” 2) the sparkling wine can be served to adults only; and 3) Greenbelt Theatre management must obtain the necessary liquor license to serve the sparkling wine. Mr. Putens seconded.

The motion passed 4-1. (Roberts)

MEETINGS: Council reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b) (1),(7) and (8) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to: 1) discuss a personnel matter; 2) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding an annexation matter; and 3) consult with legal counsel regarding litigation.

Mr. Putens seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	absent

Ms. Pope	-	yes
Mr. Putens	-	yes
Mr. Roberts	-	no
Mayor Jordan	-	absent

Executive Session: Ms. Davis moved that Council schedule an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building. Council will hold this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(1) of the *Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland* to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Pope seconded.

ROLL CALL:	Ms. Davis	-	yes
	Mr. Herling	-	yes
	Ms. Mach	-	absent
	Ms. Pope	-	yes
	Mr. Putens	-	yes
	Mr. Roberts	-	no
	Mayor Jordan	-	absent

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Putens moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pope seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jordan adjourned the regular meeting of Monday, May 9, 2016, at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray  
City Clerk

"I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct report of the regular meeting of the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, held May 9, 2016."

Judith F. Davis  
Mayor Pro Tem